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COURSE: Basic Intelligence Course (CS)

SUBJECT: The American Thesis HOURS: 1

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METHOD OF PRESENTATION: Lecture INSTRUCTOR: [REDACTED]

OBJECTIVES OF INSTRUCTION:

1. To reintroduce basic elements of American political, social and economic theory and practice as a conclusion to a week's instruction on "Communism and the USSR".
2. To contrast The American Thesis with Marxism and The Communism of the Soviet Union, showing why we consider ours the right approach.
3. To stimulate the student in maintaining an interest in the American "thesis" at all times.

SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION: The American Thesis summarizes American philosophical trends and contrasts our series of values and traditions with the abstractions of Marxism, showing the latter as having lead to the irrational absolutism of Communism. The history of our political, social, and economic beliefs is discussed and how these beliefs are held in this country and how we have attempted to extend them - or make them available to others - abroad.

SUBJECTS WITH WHICH COORDINATION IS REQUIRED: Marxism

REFERENCES:

REMARKS:

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